



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
LANSING

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**STAFF REPORT:  
ROQUE ROCKY DE LA FUENTE  
NOMINATING PETITION**

Roque Rocky De La Fuente filed nominating petitions with the Secretary of State on December 11, 2015, for the purpose of qualifying as a Democratic Party candidate in Michigan's March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary. Mr. De La Fuente was required to file nominating petitions because his name was not included on the Secretary of State's "list of the individuals generally advocated by the national news media to be potential candidates," nor on the Michigan Democratic Party's "list of individuals whom they consider to be potential presidential candidates[.]" MCL 168.614a(1)-(2).

**NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES REQUIRED:** 12,823 signatures. MCL 168.615a(2).

**TOTAL FILING:** Mr. De La Fuente's filing included 1,819 sheets containing 20,166 signatures.

**STAFF REVIEW:** Staff reviewed Mr. De La Fuente's entire filing and discounted:

- (1) All of the sheets that were facially invalid due to defects in the circulator's certificate (i.e., incomplete or incorrect date, incomplete address, missing signature); and
- (2) All of the individual signature entries that were facially invalid due to defects in the signer's entry (i.e., incorrect jurisdiction, missing signature, incomplete address, incorrect date, etc.).

**ESTIMATED NUMBER OF VALID SIGNATURES CONTAINED ON PETITION:**  
After discounting all facially invalid signatures, Staff finds that the petition contains 16,470 facially valid signatures (3,647 more than the minimum number required).

**CHALLENGE:** None filed.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Certify petition as sufficient.